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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for trading odd-lots of a security in an electronic market for trading securities, comprises

executing an odd-lot order with an eligble market participant; and

updating an odd-lot position of the eligible market participant to reflect the executed odd-lot order;

determining when the odd-lot position for the eligible market participant corresponds to a round lot size; and

decrementing the odd-lot position by the round lot size.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

determining whether the received odd lot order is from a customer of the eligible market participant who is at an inside price; and

executing the received odd lot order against the eligible market participant irrespective of a time priority of the eligible market participant.

- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising determining if the odd-lot order is a marketable order.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic market maintains the <u>a</u> displayable quote size for the eligible market maker for the security traded in the market.

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5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the displayable quote size for the market maker in the security is decremented by one round lot when decrementing the position of the eligible market participant.

- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein if the odd lot order is not marketable when received from an order entry firm, it is returned to the order entry firm.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the odd-lot positions are track for both sides of the market and are specified for the security traded by an eligible market participant and for each eligible market participant.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the odd-lot execution manager is a separate mechanism for processing and executing orders distinct from normal units of trading.
 - 9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the odd lot order is part of a mixed lot.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein a round lot portion of the mixed lot is executed against the eligible market participant's displayed quote.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 resetting the odd-lot position for the eligible market participant if the eligible market participant changes its corresponding displayed quote.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: resetting the odd-lot position for the eligible market participant at the close of trading on the market.

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13. (Currently Amended) An electronic market for trading securities, comprises: a computer for executing:

an order execution/routing manager <u>process to that</u> executes non-directed orders against quoting market participant's quotes/orders based on a priority;

a process to determine whether an order is a mixed order or an odd lot order; <u>and</u> an odd-lot execution process that executes the odd-lot portion of the mixed order or the odd-lot order, <u>the odd-lot execution process</u> comprising:

a process to execute an odd-lot order with an eligble market participant;

a process to update an odd-lot position of the eligible market participant to reflect the executed odd-lot order and determine when the odd-lot position for the eligible market participant corresponds to a round lot size; and

a process to decrement the odd-lot position by the round lot size.

- 14. (Original) The electronic market of claim 13 further comprising: a process to determine if the odd-lot order is a marketable order.
- 15. (Original) The electronic market of claim 13 further comprising a process to determine whether the received odd lot order is from a customer of the eligible market participant who is at an inside price; and

a process to execute the received odd lot order against the eligible market participant irrespective of a time priority of the eligible market participant.

- 16. (Original) The electronic market of claim 13 further comprising:
 a process to reset the odd-lot position for the eligible market participant at the close of trading on the market.
- 17. (Original) The electronic market of claim 13 wherein the odd lot order is part of a mixed lot.

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18. (Original) The electronic market of claim 13, wherein a round lot portion of the mixed lot is executed against the eligible market participant=s displayed quote.

- 19. (Original) The electronic market of claim 13 wherein a process to suspend processing of odd-lot orders for the security if the process to determine whether an odd-lot exposure has been exceeds determines that all exposure limits for all market makers have been exceeded.
- 20. (Original) A computer program product residing on a computer readable medium for trading securities in an electronic market, comprises instructions for causing a computer to:

determine whether a received order is a mixed order or an odd lot order;

execute an odd-lot order with an eligble market participant;

update an odd-lot position of the eligible market participant to reflect the executed oddlot order and determine when the odd-lot position for the eligible market participant corresponds to a round lot size; and

decrement the odd-lot position by the round lot size.

21. (Original) The computer program product of claim 20 further comprising instructions to cause the computer to:

determine whether the received odd lot order is from a customer of the eligible market participant who is at an inside price; and

execute the received odd lot order against the eligible market participant irrespective of a time priority of the eligible market participant.

22. (Original) The computer program product of claim 20 further comprising instructions to cause the computer to:

determining if the odd-lot order is a marketable order.